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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Toru Makino et al.

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Art Unit: 3682

For: STEERING AND PRODUCTION METHOD
THEREFOR

Examiner: V. Luong

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure begin on page 13 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

Reply to Office Action of April 12, 2006

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	12	- 20 =	0	X 50.00	0
Independent	1	- 3** =	0	X 200.00	0
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					0

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

No additional fee is required.

In the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.